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Tymniak, Stone Support Prescription Drug Bill



State Reps. Cathy C. Tymniak, R-133rd, and Jack Stone, R-134th, today voted for legislation, HB-7702, to plug gaps in senior citizen prescription drug coverage as a new federal Medicare Part D prescription plan takes effect in January 1, 2006.

The new federal Medicare Part D provides a benefit to Connecticut's elderly population. The state also provides a prescription drug benefit called ConnPACE for low-income seniors that complements new Part D, said Reps. Stone and Tymniak.

"This new legislation at the state level will fill in small gaps for seniors, as the two federal and state programs come into play," said Rep. Tymniak. "I am pleased to support this legislation to assure that benefits will continue as they have been under the Connecticut plan."

Rep. Stone said, "ConnPACE is an outstanding service that helps eligible senior citizens and people with disabilities afford the cost of most prescription medicines. The way the state has wrapped the ConnPACE benefit around Part D assures that senior citizens will experience no loss of benefits. Under this new measure, that will continue."

ConnPACE stands for Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly and Disabled.

Rep. Stone and Tymniak said that information is available from the various sources:

Medicare: www.medicare.gov; 1-800-Medicare

ConnPACE: <http://www.connpace.com/>; 1-800-423-5026

For information on the bill, HB-7702: <http://cga.ct.gov>